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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Senate Select Committee on
Intelligence (SSCI) Staff on the Intelligence
Producers Council (IPC)

1. On 4 June 1985, [] Chairman of the IPC, briefed SSCI Staffers Ed Levine, Steve Ockenden, Keith Hall, Charlie Battaglia and John Nelson on the role of the IPC. Mr. Levine requested the briefing in connection with his background study aimed at producing a new "strategy for national intelligence." The briefing was held in 219 Senate Hart Office Building from 1430 to 1600 hours. []

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2. [] discussed the inter-agency composition of the IPC (NSA/DIA/STATE/CIA) which was formed in 1983. He explained that the IPC's main function is to write a world overview. This background paper is forwarded to the Senior Intelligence Group and provides the basis for formulation of National Intelligence Topics (NITs). [] emphasized that the IPC's aim is to "trigger thinking" among senior line managers of production. The resulting intelligence production should reflect the issues raised in the IPC'S quarterly overview and more specifically enunciated in the NITs. []

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3. The SSCI Staffers asked a number of questions about the NIT process. [] satisfied most of the questions but, having joined the IPC only three months ago, was not able to respond to everything asked.

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4. There were no follow-up matters.

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